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Kolste Pharmacy Bill Signed Into Law

MADISON – A bill written by Rep. Debra Kolste (D-Janesville), designed to help patients obtain medicine in emergencies, was signed into law by Governor Walker last week.

Assembly Bill 125 allows pharmacists to extend prescriptions or dispense an emergency supply of prescription drugs when the drugs are necessary and the prescribing physician is unavailable. The bill will take effect immediately.

“This bill rectifies a potentially serious problem and I am grateful that it has become the law in our state,” said Kolste. “It is a common sense reform that will increase patient safety and make the job of pharmacists easier.”

The bill was supported by numerous Senate and Assembly members from both parties and also had the support of medical groups, including the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.

“I appreciate my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who helped work on this legislation and helped get it passed,” Kolste said. “I hope we can get together on larger issues in the months ahead.”

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